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SUBJECT: CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

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1. GUINEA-BISSAU FIRST SECRETARY FORTADO CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 24 TO INFORM US THAT G-B EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM G-B PAIGC SECRETARY GENERAL ARISTIDES PEREIRA:

QUOTE: CONCERNING CEREMONY OF INDEPENDENCE AT CAPE VERDES AND CONSIDERING OUR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WE MUST AVOID ISSUING INVITATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE AND GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE WE ARE INVITING FROM UNITED STATES SENATOR KENNEDY, SENATOR BROOKE AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS. COMRADE ALFONSO GOMEZ (COUNSELOR OF G-B EMBASSY) SHOULD ARRIVE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25. BRINGING COPY OF TELEGRAM INVITING THOSE THREE PERSONS. UNQUOTE.

2. FORTADO KNOWS OF NO ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TRANSPORTING GUESTS TO JULY 5 CEREMONIES FROM DAKAR, BUT SURMISED THAT SPECIAL FLIGHT MAY BE ARRANGED FROM BISSAU. HE REPEATED STATEMENTS WE HAD HEARD EARLIER CONCERNING DIRE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
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IN CAPE VERDES. FORTADO COULD SHED LITTLE FURTHER LIGHT ON

AUTHORITY WITH WHICH PEREIRA SPEAKS ON BEHALF NASCENT CAPE VERDES
GOVERNMENT, BUT TENDED TO CONFIRM OUR FEELING THAT PAIGC IS
INCREASINGLY SURE OF ITS CONTROL BEING EXTENDED FIRMLY TO ISLANDS.

3. EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH ALPHONSO GOMEZ
IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO DAKAR TOMORROW TO OBTAIN ANY
FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO OTHER POSTS AS NECESSARY.
AGGREY

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